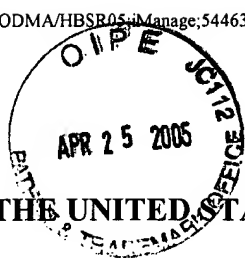


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PATENT APPLICATION
DOCKET NO. 2386.1014-001



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Application No.: 09/484,961 Group: 2666

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Confirmation No.: 1330

For: Method and Apparatus for Transferring Synchronous Optical Network/Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SONET/SDH) Frames on Parallel Transmissions Links

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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X	\$ 100	\$
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In lieu of filing a Notice of Appeal, Applicants' Attorney is filing a Request for Continued Examination concurrently herewith.

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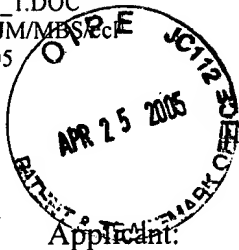
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 20, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: